

Informal notes of the Trimley St Martin Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 2011 at the Memorial Hall, Trimley St Martin

Present: Chairman John Barker, Vice Chairman John Sills, Councillors Heather Rodwell, Carol Garrett, Justine Good, Joe Smith, Dave Pither, Ian Cowan.

By Invitation: Suffolk District Councillors Richard Kerry, Susan Harvey, Graham Harding, and Community Police Officer Dave Gledhill

Clerk: Mrs Tracey Hunter

Apologies: Suffolk county Councillor John Goodwin, Parish Councillor Frank Bell

Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Ian Cowan - Personal Interest - Local Development Framework

Community Police Report:

PC Dave Gledhill read out a monthly crime report. A new telephone number of 101 to contact the police on non-emergency matters would commence with effect from the 1st October. Chairman John Barker asked that the gratitude of the carnival committee and parish council be conveyed to the local Special Constables and PCSO's for their assistance at the recent Trimley Carnival.

County Councillor/District Councillor Reports:

- The Clerk read out a written report from Suffolk County Councillor John Goodwin in his absence and this included an item about recent complaints from residents that the whistle boards at a number of footpath/bridleway crossings within Trimley St Mary and Trimley St Martin had been removed. A member of the public had been in contact directly with Network Rail and met with them on the 5th September at one of the crossings in question to discuss the problem. Correspondence received and read out from Network Rail gave their reasons for removing the whistle boards but both parish councils will be pursuing this further with them. The Clerk was also asked to contact SALC with a view to seeing if other parish councils in the country were being affected in the same way.
- Suffolk Coastal District Councillors Kerry, Harding and Harvey all gave brief verbal reports at the meeting.

Correspondence:

- a) LDF - The Clerk advised that consultation documents on Updated Sustainability Appraisal and Appropriate Assessment Documents were out for consideration and comment. Councillor Cowan asked if SALC were able to provide free legal advice on the contents of this document and the Clerk is to make enquiries regarding this. The documents would be circulated to councillors and further discussion and a response to the documents, if considered required, would be formulated at the next parish meeting.
- b) HPUK letter - re: Acoustic Barriers. - A copy of letter sent from HPUK to SCDC regarding the acoustic barriers advised that the Highways Agency were against the proposal to erect acoustic barriers along the section of A14 through the Trimleys due to a number of reasons, not least the cost of maintenance and whether they would in fact result in reducing the noise of traffic. The Chair and Vice Chair would raise the matter at the Port LALC meeting that they were attending on the 8th September and would report back at the next parish meeting.
- c) Minutes from Therese Coffey MP meeting with Parish Chairmen - The Chairman spoke briefly about the contents of the meeting.
- d) Communities & Local Gov - major planning applications/Leiston PC - Letter read to councillors.
- e) SCDC - Members Dispensation- Memorial Hall - Form signed by councillors present.
- f) SCC - Dale Farm Eviction Information Pack - Put into Information Circulars for distribution to councillors.
- g) Outdoor playing space - Details provided to councillors.

- h) Residents letter - verge parking - A member of the public had complained about residents parking on pathways/verges opposite their houses: the Clerk is to contact John Goodwin and PC Bown regarding this.
- i) Brian Pitkin - Dock Spur works traffic - Clerk read letter to councillors.
- j) C&C Roofing quote - Clerk confirmed price to councillors and advised that work had been given the go-ahead to proceed.

Planning Decisions:

- **C11/01358 6 Grimston Lane, Trimley St Martin**- Erection of rear extension and detached garage (revised scheme to C11/0202) **Granted - subject to conditions**
- **C11/1351 - 49 Mill lane, Trimley St Martin** - Erection of double garage in front of garden. **Application withdrawn**
- **C11/1237 2 Cavendish Road, Trimley St Martin** - Erection of front porch and detached garage. **Granted subject to condition**
- C11/1132 51 Mill Lane - Trimley St Martin- erection of single storey rear extension, side extension and front porch. **Granted subject to conditions**

Highways and Footpaths:

- a) **Clerk's update** - The Clerk reported that the broken benches had been removed, the railway gate latch fixed and the overgrown hedges reported had been cut back.
- b) **Dock Spur roundabout** closure - Details provided to councillors. SCS - reply re: dog fouling- The Clerk had circulated a letter from SCS prior to the meeting and also distributed SCDC dog fouling fine warning stickers to Councillors for them to be put on lampposts within the village.
- c) **Pothole** A report was made of a pothole outside 18 Cavendish Road, the Clerk to contact relevant authorities.
- d) The **Village Sign** is looking the worse for wear and the Clerk advised that she was in the process of obtaining a quotation for the peace sign at Reeve Lodge to be re-painted and she would obtain a price for this one also.
- e) A new road sign had been erected in Grimston Lane but this shows incorrect numbers. A resident had contacted the Clerk about this and she will contact SCSC accordingly.

Any Other Business:

- Next Parish meeting - An earlier start time of 6.45pm was planned in order that full discussion of the LDF consultation documents (see item 42a) may be undertaken.